BURGLARY PREVENTION HOME INVASION SAFETY TIPS

- 1. Check you home for all possible entry points and any weaknesses that they may have.
- Check for overgrown shrubbery and trees; maintain clear lines of sight for your entrances and driveway. Trim shrubs to a height of three feet and tree canopies should be trimmed up to eight feet. Eliminate hiding areas around entrances.
- 3. Check exterior lighting, this includes the back and sides of the home. Try to maintain uniform lighting and eliminate dark spots and shadows.
- 4. Check windows and door locks, make sure they are in working order. Install a wide-angle door viewer that permits you to look outside before opening the door.
- 5. Lock all doors, windows and garage whenever possible, prior to leaving your residence, going to bed, or leaving on vacation.
- 6. Move and secure items that could be used to facilitate entry through ground floor windows, make sure that casement windows cannot be pulled open to allow entry.
- 7. At night close your drapes, blinds and window treatments as a deterrent. If the subjects cannot see into your home they may be reluctant to enter.
- 8. Set your alarm before going to bed. You may consider having a panic button installed near the bed or use a wireless remote alarm key chain or pendant. Have a telephone near the bed.
- 9. Leave an interior light on or use a timer to turn the light on and off. Leave a radio or television on when out of the house.
- 10. Discontinue any deliveries while away on business or vacation. Arrange for family or friends to visit your home while you're away.
- 11. Take time to inventory, photograph and have an appraisal conducted on valuable items. Prepare a videotape of your home's contents and store in a safe place. Keep valuables out of the master bedroom. Store them in a safe or safe deposit box.
- 12. Mark your property using an engraving tool for identification.
- 13. When approaching or leaving your home, look for suspicious persons or vehicles.
- 14. As a deterrent vary your routine.
- 15. Start a neighborhood watch.
- If you discover that your home has been burglarized, DO NOT ENTER.
 IMMEDIATELY CALL THE POLICE BY DIALING 911

If you are home and a burglar confronts you....

- Remain calm, comply with the burglars' instructions.
- Remember your life is more valuable than your property.
- Try to memorize a description of the subject.
- When the subject leaves, Call the Police by dialing 911